

Senate Resolution 608

By: Senators Seay of the 34th, Sims of the 12th, Buckner of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sylvia Russell upon being recognized by the Women's Legislative Caucus; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, and the Women's Legislative Caucus,
4 chaired by Representative Cecily Hill, Representative Pat Gardner, and Senator Valencia
5 Seay, endeavors to recognize women in Georgia who have achieved top positions in their
6 fields as a salute to all women leaders in business; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2009, one of the women being recognized by the Women's Legislative
8 Caucus is Sylvia Russell, president of AT&T Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Russell holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and received her
10 Juris Doctor from Rutgers School of Law; and

11 WHEREAS, in her more than 15 years with AT&T, Ms. Russell has held various positions
12 with the company, including serving as vice president, AT&T External Affairs, Southeast
13 region, responsible for all public policy within the nine-state Southern region; senior attorney
14 for AT&T's government markets business unit; general attorney, supporting AT&T's entry
15 into the local telecommunications market; and vice president of Law and Government Affairs
16 for the Southern Region; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Russell also serves in community and corporate leadership positions in
18 Georgia, including as a director on the Board of the State Technical College System of
19 Georgia, as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Georgia
20 Partnership for Excellence in Education, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the
21 Commerce Club, the Metropolitan Atlanta United Way, and the Georgia Chamber of
22 Commerce, where she chairs the Committee on Health Care Policy; and

23 WHEREAS, she is married to Herman J. Russell, Sr., and they have four sons and a
24 daughter.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 join to commend Sylvia Russell upon being recognized by the Women's Legislative Caucus
27 and to extend their sincere best wishes for success in all of her future endeavors.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sylvia Russell.